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SUBJECT: APRIL 14 DEMONSTRATION IN TBILISI

REF: MOSCOW 8326

1. ON APRIL 23 AN EMBOFF, WHO WAS IN TBILISI ACCOMPANYING A US DELEGATION UNDER THE US-USSR HOUSING AGREEMENT, RECEIVED FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE APRIL 14 DEMONSTRATION IN THE CITY FROM AN OFFICIAL IN A SEISMOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND AN INTOURIST DRIVER. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE HUNDRED STUDENTS FROM THE PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TBILISI GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING OF THE GEORGIAN ASSEMBLY AS IT WAS MEETING TO ADOPT THE NEW GEORGIAN CONSTITUTION. THE STUDENTS DEMANDED THAT GEORGIAN BE MADE THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE REPUBLIC, AS IT HAD BEEN IN THE PREVIOUS CONSTITUTION. GEORGIAN PARTY FIRST SECRETARY SHEVARDNADZE REPORTEDLY CAME OUT OF THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING TO ADDRESS THE STUDENTS AND TOLD THEM THAT THE ASSEMBLY WOULD MEET THEIR DEMANDS.

2. THE DEMONSTRATION REPORTEDLY WAS COMPLETELY PEACEFUL, AND THE STUDENTS DISPERSED AFTER HEARING SHEVARDNADZE'S REMARKS. THEREHAVE BEEN NO ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
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DEMONSTRATION AND THE SOURCES DID NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY WOULD BE MADE. ONE SOURCE COMMENTED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE STUDENTS HAD "OVERREACTED", BECAUSE THE ASSEMBLY WOULD HAVE MADE THE REQUESTED CHANGE WITHOUT THE DEMONSTRATION, IN RESPONSE TO THE LARGE VOLUME OF COMPLAINTS ON THE LANGUAGE ISSUE WHICH HAD BEEN RECEIVED DURING THE "DISCUSSION" OF THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION. TOON

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